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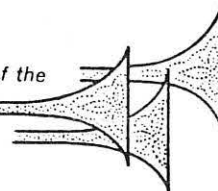
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May 27, 1969

Mr. Carl W. Wade
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Dear Carl:

I appreciate so much your letter of May 13. It is always best for proper inquiry like yours to be made when questions and rumors arise.

I hope you can take the material that I'm enclosing with this letter and make clear to those who are misrepresenting my views what I actually do believe about the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is given to every baptized believer (Acts 2:38; 5:32; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:1; 13, 14). The Holy Spirit is determinative of whether we are being governed and controlled by the flesh or by God (Romans 8:5-16). The Holy Spirit is that "power within the inward man" that gives the Christian victory and triumph as long as he is in continual obedience to God (Eph. 3:14-21; 1 John 4:4). The Holy Spirit works in my life as I obey the word of God. The same thing that brings the Spirit as God's gift to me is that which keeps the Spirit working in my life -- obedience to the Word of God, to Biblical command (Eph. 5:15-21). To make even clearer my position on the Holy Spirit I have enclosed two sermons approved by the Highland elders and preached by me on Herald of Truth radio in January, 1966. In addition to these two sermons, I have also enclosed a copy of Tom Warren's lecture at Harding College. I agree completely with brother Warren's conclusions from his study of the Bible regarding the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I do not believe the spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12-14 are operative today. I have never spoken in tongues or professed that I had any miracle-working power. I believe that one becomes a Christian in response to Jesus, upon hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16). In that belief of "the truth" and in that response to the "gospel of your salvation," one is given the Spirit, "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13, 14).

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Thank you, Carl, for writing. I hope the letter and material I am enclosing will explain sufficiently what I believe about the Holy Spirit, as taught in God's Word. All I know is what the Bible teaches me. What I have experienced in my life as a result of the Holy Spirit at work producing His fruit (Gal. 5:22,23; Romans 5:5) has been in direct fulfillment of plain, Biblical teaching.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
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May 13, 1969

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Dear Brother Chalk:

I have never had the privilege of meeting you personally although I have for a long time admired your ability and work for the Lord.

I hope you do not consider this letter a nosey imposition into your personal life and beliefs. However, recently there has been a great deal of rumors in this area concerning your position on the operation of the Holy Spirit. I talked with Brother Haddox from Abilene and he encouraged me to write you concerning this matter.

Brother Chalk, if you consider this letter worthy of a reply, then I would appreciate your answer concerning the Holy Spirit and Its operation with or apart from the Word, and Its ability to guide us directly. I hope you will dignify this request with a statement so that I may squelch the rumors that some of my preaching brethren are passing around.

Sincerely,


Carl W. Wade

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